

SECTION 2. Section 264.755, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) *The department, in accordance with executive commissioner rule, shall implement a process to verify that each relative and designated caregiver who is seeking monetary assistance or additional support services from the department for day care as defined by Section 264.124 for a child under this section has attempted to find appropriate day-care services for the child through community services, including Head Start programs, prekindergarten classes, and early education programs offered in public schools. The department shall specify the documentation the relative or designated caregiver must provide to the department to demonstrate compliance with the requirements established under this subsection. The department may not provide monetary assistance or additional support services to the relative or designated caregiver for the day care unless the department receives the required verification.*

(e) *The department may provide monetary assistance or additional support services to a relative or designated caregiver for day care without the verification required under Subsection (d) if the department determines the verification would prevent an emergency placement that is in the child's best interest.*

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

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## CHAPTER 424

### S.B. No. 435

#### AN ACT

relating to the payment of tuition for public high school students who participate in college credit programs.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (a-2), Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-2) A school district is not required to pay a student's tuition or other associated costs for taking a course under this section. ~~[This subsection expires September 1, 2013.]~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect August 31, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 14, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

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## CHAPTER 425

### S.B. No. 479

#### AN ACT

relating to the application of the professional prosecutors law to the district attorney for the 79th Judicial District.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 46.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46.002. PROSECUTORS SUBJECT TO CHAPTER. This chapter applies to the state prosecuting attorney, all county prosecutors, and the following state prosecutors:

(1) the district attorneys for Kenedy and Kleberg Counties and for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th, 39th, 42nd, 43rd, 46th, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th, 66th, 69th, 70th, 76th, 79th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th, 97th, 100th, 105th, 106th, 109th, 110th, 112th, 118th, 119th, 123rd, 142nd, 143rd, 145th, 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th, 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th, 235th, 253rd, 258th, 259th, 266th, 268th, 271st, 286th, 329th, 344th, 349th, 355th, and 506th judicial districts;

(2) the criminal district attorneys for the counties of Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cass, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland, Fannin, Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Madison, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, Randall, Rockwall, San Jacinto, Smith, Tarrant, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wichita, Wood, and Yoakum; and

(3) the county attorneys performing the duties of district attorneys in the counties of Andrews, Callahan, Cameron, Castro, Colorado, Crosby, Ellis, Falls, Freestone, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Marion, Milam, Morris, Ochiltree, Orange, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Swisher, Terry, Webb, and Willacy.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 15, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 3, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

## CHAPTER 426

### S.B. No. 502

#### AN ACT

relating to placement of children with certain relatives or other designated caregivers.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.7541 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.7541. CAREGIVER VISIT WITH CHILD; INFORMATION. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), before placing a child with a proposed relative or other designated caregiver, the department must:

(1) arrange a visit between the child and the proposed caregiver; and

(2) provide the proposed caregiver with a form, which may be the same form the department provides to nonrelative caregivers, containing information, to the extent it is available, about the child that would enhance continuity of care for the child, including:

(A) the child's school information and educational needs;

(B) the child's medical, dental, and mental health care information;

(C) the child's social and family information; and

(D) any other information about the child the department determines will assist the proposed caregiver in meeting the child's needs.

(b) The department may waive the requirements of Subsection (a) if the proposed relative or other designated caregiver has a long-standing or significant relationship with the child